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Editor
Coin World
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The letters to the editor as to the "so-called" 1787 half dollar have become personal rather than numismatic. Art Lovi's letter in the July 20, 1962 Coin World suggests sorrow at the content of George Fuld's letter (June 8, 1962) calling the coin a known forgery. Lovi should reread the first sentence of his own article in the April 27, 1962 Coin World in which he stated that he "would like to submit for the numismatic world's approval a coin which I (Lovi) think is one of the greatest discoveries in American numismatic history". The coin is later described as "an unknown coin". Coupled with headlines reading "Lovi Reports Unlisted Coin in U.S. Half Dollar Series" a reader would tend to believe that the owner thought that he had a genuine coin. A raised eyebrow resulted when Lovi subsequently wrote in the Coin World (July 20) that his article "did not make any claims".

Lovi asked for competent opinions about the coin. Fuld responded accordingly and gave him an opinion. Lovi now states that Fuld was not justified in giving an opinion without seeing the coin. A picture of the 1787 piece had originally been published by Lovi. Fuld obviously felt that it was unnecessary to examine the coin because he already was familiar with the variety from numismatic publications and study and Lovi apparently was not.

In the May, 1916 Numismatist (p.222) a 1787 counterfeit half dollar was mentioned in answer to an article published in that magazine the previous month (p.133) describing a similar type with a blurred date of either 1782 or 1787. In the Coin Collectors' Journal for November, 1950, John J. Ford, Jr. illustrated and described as a fabrication the same variety of 1787 half dollar as Lovi has as well as a similar one with the incomplete and impossible date 187-. Judd notes the existence of a 1787 half dollar as a false piece.

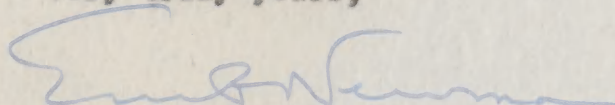
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Accordingly, many may believe that Lovi was not justified in being critical of Fuld and owes Fuld an apology.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric P. Newman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eric P. Newman, President

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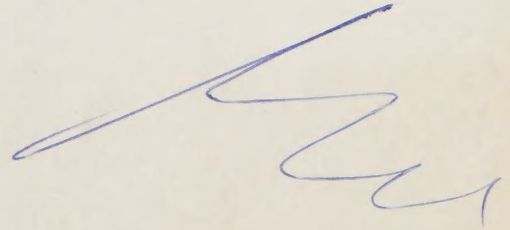
Your carbon received - (didn't see Levi's reply in CW as I was out of town last week - was startled to see it!!) I'm glad you're on my side!!!! As you probably guessed I wrote reply to Levi while in hospital & couldn't check references but cited from memory.

Anyways, Thanks for the

staunch defense!!

I'll be in Detroit & will show part of the all-faked exhibit planned for ANS.

Regards,



Please Publish this as soon as you can
Thank You Art Lovi

In "Letters to the Editor" August 3rd issue, there was an article by Mr. Eric P. Newman in Reference to an article written by Art Lovi July 20th with regards to the article Dr Fuld wrote about the 1787 half dollar.

May I state here and now that I have high regard for both of these two fine gentlemen and feel that if Mr Newman feels that I in any way have belittled Dr Fuld I would like to apologize as this was not my intent. To prove that, I have Dr Fuld's article displayed with my 1787 half dollar and Mr Eric P Newman's article regarding the 1804 Silver dollar displayed with my 1804 silver dollar and had them there when I displayed in Cleveland and ever since. I'm sure Mr Newman realizes that not everything that is published was done so exactly as the writer intended as I do not remember writing "Lovi reports unlisted coin in U.S. half dollar series" even though it was published that way.

Have always tried to be impersonal about my writings as I believe that the experiences you write about should be your own and I'm sorry if my article was taken up as a personal one as it was intended to be for the good of numismatics

I am a newcomer in the numismatic field and honestly and sincerely believe I am doing what I can to help this most worthy of all hobbies.

ART LOVI
PENSACOLA FLA.

Margo — 8/6/68

Thanks for Art hovi
comment and apology
If you publish it - you
as editor might add
a note that your headline
merely covered what
Hovi submitted in his text

EPN

November 7, 1962

Mr. Richard Breadon
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St.
New York 32, New York

Dear Dick:

In the Index of Literature, page 332, you cited an article by Arthur Lovi on a 1787 Half Dollar. This index insertion might be misleading because the coin is a deliberate forgery.

In Letters to the Editor of Coin World, published June 8, 1962, August 3, 1962 and August 24, 1962, this matter has been exposed and it would be advisable to include the exposure in your next edition of Literature as long as you have listed its announcement.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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the 1787 Half Dol in the 4/27/62 Coin World
is the same ~~die~~ ^{illustrated} as ⁱⁿ the Numismatist Apr 1916 p.183.
~~Vol~~ Vol 29, No. 4.

~~In~~ In Vol. 29, No. 5 p. 222 Numismatist
Frank H. Stewart - says 1782 has 15 stars - is fake
Henry Chapman - has seen 1787 just like it. Counterfeit.
Fanson Zerbe - has 1838 50¢ with lettered edge.

Letters to editor from Field in Coin World say this
a German fake. June 8, 1962, but is erroneous
in several comments

Numis Review ~~Article~~ Oct 1944 p.19 Vol. 2 No. 2
Morton Stick illustrates 1821 half dol ~~as~~ counterfeit
+ calls it a pattern or restrike just like 1822 in AW book.
I add corrected AW book.

1838 ctf halves are common - German silver, it says
in Numis Review Oct 1946 p.124 Vol 3 No 4

Apr June 1945 p.15 Numis Review Talks about
1823, ~~1824~~ 1826, 1830 half doll as patterns - they are
ctf, illustrated.

Numismatist Jan 1933 p.31 - 1837 Half Dol lettered edge ctf
Numismatist Jan 1934 p.66 - 1838 50¢ lettered edge ctf.

Nov-Dec 1950 Coin Collector's Journal. by John Ford
describes 1787 half, 187- half + 1809 half ctf
Explains whole matter.